

# Whatever You Want to Do, ACS Careers Can Help!

- ✓ Land your first job?
- ✓ Switch jobs?
- ✓ Find a job after a period of unemployment?
- ✓ Change career paths in mid-career?
- ✓ Start your own entrepreneurial venture?
- ✓ Find new challenges after retirement?
- ✓ Get a promotion?

### **ACS Careers Is Here to Support All ACS Members**

ACS Careers supports the professional aspirations of chemical scientists and engineers at all stages of their careers. Whether you want to find a job with a leading chemical organization or strike out on your own, we're here to lend a helping hand. By enabling the best talent in the chemical sciences to flourish, we help set the stage for advancements in science.

One of the key goals of ACS Careers is to help ACS members find jobs; however, it doesn't stop there. If you're contemplating a new career path—whether you've just graduated or have taken early retirement—we can help you gather and evaluate the information you need to make a fully informed choice. If you're looking to advance professionally or get a promotion, we can help you build essential skills that employers need and value. In short, whatever your career goals, we're here to help you achieve and exceed them.

### **ACS Careers Jobs Database**

http://chemistryjobs.acs.org/jobs

The ACS Careers Jobs Database is your number one tool for finding available positions that match your skills and goals. You can access it anywhere, at any time. There are always hundreds of vacant positions posted by industry, academic, nonprofit, and government organizations. All you need to do is open a free account and post your résumé to begin your job search. You can search by specialization, work function, education level,

or employer and then request interviews. To help you manage your job search, the database includes online interview scheduling and detailed employer information.

### **NEW!** ACS Career Pathways

www.acs.org/careerfair

ACS Career Pathways, available at ACS Career Fairs, is an innovative program that enables you to choose a career pathway that's right for you. The program begins with an introductory half-day workshop where you'll learn about the career pathway options available to chemical professionals. At the same time, you'll assess your own talents, personality, and goals in order to see which career pathway is the best fit. Next, you'll choose one of four workshops that focus on academic, government, industry, and entrepreneurial career pathways to continue exploring and developing

your personal career pathway plan. The third phase of the program focuses on the interview, giving you the skills you need to ace your next interview and begin a new career.

If you're looking to land your first job, ACS Careers can help.



### Career Fairs — Onsite and Virtual

www.acs.org/careerfair

ACS Career Fairs are held during the semiannual ACS National Meetings. These career fairs offer you the opportunity to network and interview with prospective employers as well as gain essential knowledge and skills needed to reach your career goals.

The Onsite Career Fair takes place on the premises of the National Meeting, offering a variety of programs to help you build your job search skills and choose a career path that fits your talents, goals, and ambitions. In addition to the opportunity to interview, there are always a variety of events that allow you to mingle and interact with employers.

The Virtual Career Fair breaks all geographical barriers, enabling you to participate from anywhere in the world and talk to employers via real-time online chat or video. You can also attend live or on-demand webcasts and make important contacts in the virtual networking lounge.

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### **Personal Career Consulting**

www.acs.org/careerconsulting

ACS Career Consultants are ACS members with an abundance of first-hand work experience in all facets of the chemical enterprise. They have been trained as career consultants and are dedicated to helping you discover and achieve your goals at any stage of your career. ACS Career Consultants are always onsite at the ACS Career Fair; however, they are also available year-round to advise ACS members via e-mail or phone. They can help you improve your résumé, develop new job search



skills, enhance your ability to interview, make a career transition, and much more.

### **ACS Career Workshops**

www.acs.org/careerfair

Available at all ACS Career Fairs, career workshops are designed to help you build your job search skills. They also offer valuable information to help you choose a career that suits your talents and ambitions. Among our many workshops are...

- Effective Interviewing
- Electronic Tools to Enhance Your Job Hunt
- Preparing a Résumé
- Planning Your Job Search
- Writing Excellent Proposals



### **ACS Member Unemployment Benefits**

www.acs.org/unemployed

ACS offers a variety of benefits to assist members with the challenges of unemployment and find new, rewarding employment as quickly as possible. ACS membership dues, for example, may be waived for up to two years by members who are unemployed. ACS National Meeting registration is also free for unemployed members. In addition, ACS Short Courses, Webcasts, and Leadership Development System are discounted to help you build new skills that employers value.

### **InterviewStream**

www.acs.interviewstream.com

Do you get nervous when you're interviewed? InterviewStream can dramatically reduce your interviewing anxiety by helping you improve your interview performance. It lets you record a practice interviewing using a webcam. Next, you get feedback from colleagues or ACS Career Consultants on your interviewing skills. Job seekers who have used this tool say that it has made a big difference in boosting their confidence and performance.

### Sign up for ACS Career News

http://multibriefs.com/briefs/ACS/

With its weekly publication, *ACS CareerNews* reports the latest news and events of interest to members looking to advance their careers. You'll find articles to support your job search and professional development as well as to stay current with the latest market and hiring trends in all chemistry job sectors.

### **Short Courses and Webcasts**

http://www.proed.acs.org/

The ACS offers a variety of options for chemical professionals to continue their education, stay abreast of the latest scientific developments, and branch into new fields of investigation. Short courses ranging one to eight days take place around the country, often in tandem with ACS National Meetings. Webcasts are instructor-led courses that meet online once a week over a period of weeks. With small class sizes and expert instruction, ACS Webcasts give you the opportunity to learn at your own pace. In addition, there are on-demand webcast courses, which are shorter and more focused on particular topics.

### Just the Tip of the Iceberg!

This brochure lists several ACS Careers resources at your disposal, but it's just the tip of the iceberg. Visit our website at www.acs.org/careers where you can discover even more resources that make it possible for you to achieve your goals at every stage of your career.



If you want to launch your own entrepreneurial venture, ACS Careers can help.

## **Coming June 2012!**ACS Entrepreneurial Resources Center

www.acs.org/ei

Coupled with the right resources, your entrepreneurial ideas can be transformed into reality.

The ACS Entrepreneurial Resources Center enables approved applicants to develop and launch their entrepreneurial plans with the support of...

- Free access to all ACS Journals
- Free access to CAS SciFinder<sup>®</sup>
- Professional services of ACS legal, marketing, finance, IT, and HR outside support teams at no cost or below market rates

In your application, you'll need to present a feasible entrepreneurial plan that both creates new innovative products and services and new jobs for American chemical professionals. You may want to attend the Entrepreneurial Career Pathways workshop to get started.

### **ACS Entrepreneurial Training Program**

www.acs.org/ei

ACS has partnered with Kauffman FastTrac to offer an Entrepreneurial Training Program that stimulates innovation and entrepreneurship. The program offers three curricula that correspond to the needs of different members. So whether you're just starting out or you're an established entrepreneur looking to optimize your venture's performance, you should apply. Approved applicants receive a \$500 scholarship towards their 30-hour FastTrac course, and receive free access to all ACS Journals and CAS SciFinder®.

The ACS-Kauffman FastTrac Entrepreneurial Training Program has been developed as part of the broader ACS Entrepreneurial Initiative, which makes it possible for ACS members to transform their innovative ideas into successful ventures and new jobs for American chemical professionals.

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### **ACS Webinars**™

http://acswebinars.org

ACS Webinars connect you with subject matter experts and global-thought leaders in chemical sciences as well as management and business, helping you build your knowledge and professional skills from the comfort of your home, office, or lab (or your beach house in Tahiti). Please join us LIVE for weekly one-hour webinars Thursdays at 2:00pm Eastern

Time. If that time isn't convenient, you can listen to any webinar on-demand round-the-clock. Either way, these webinars are free to all ACS members with various channels to choose from.

ACS Webinars' Business and Innovation Channel features topics to help chemical professionals succeed in the business of chemistry or in their own entrepreneurial ventures.

Featured topics include raising capital, interviews with entrepreneurs, and understanding global chemical trends.

### **ACS Leadership Development System**

www.acs.org/leaderdevelopment

The ACS Leadership Development System is a comprehensive curriculum that trains you to become a highly skilled leader. The practical courses help you advance your career, be more effective in your position, and equip you with tools to better lead ACS initiatives. Facilitated courses are available at ACS National Meetings. In addition, there are self-paced online courses that you can do from your home, office, or wherever you may be. As an ACS member, you're entitled to a substantial discount on these highly effective courses.

**UMUC Project Management** 

http://www.umuc.edu/acs

University of Maryland University College (UMUC) offers a tuition discount for undergraduate and graduate study programs to ACS members worldwide. The ACS-UMUC educational alliance enables you to pursue your studies entirely online or via a combination of classroom and online instruction. As an ACS member, you can choose from:

- Certificate in Project Management
- MS in Management, Project Management
   Specialization
  - MS in Technology Management,
     Project Management Specialization
  - MS in Information Technology,
     Project Management Specialization

If you are looking for career advancement, ACS Careers can help.



### **ACS Careers Blog**

http://acscareers.wordpress.com/

Log on to ACS Careers Blog and get involved in the discussion. The archives are filled with articles that can help you build skills, choose a career path, and find a job. Recent blogs have included:

- Is There Really a Shortage of STEM Workers?
- Entrepreneurship: R&D Funding Available from the Federal Small Business Administration
- The Internet Job-Hunting Sweet Spot: Employer Websites
- Are You Allergic to Your Dream Job?
- Older Job Hunters: Dealing with Misconceptions

If you've retired, but want to re-enter the workforce, ACS Careers can help.

#### **ACS Network**

www.acs.org/network

With its public forums, groups and personal blogs, the ACS Network is where ACS members from around the world meet to share their opinions and ideas. It's a great place to connect with prospective employers or get advice for professional development. Log on and try it!

#### **ACS Careers Has More Resources**

www.acs.org/careers

Log on to our website, where you can discover even more resources beyond what you'll find inside this brochure, including:

- Job Search Strategies Guide
- Résumé Preparation Guide
- Interviewing Skills Guide
- Coping with Job Loss Guide
- Employment Guide for International Chemists
- ACS Career Series Videos
- ACS Salary Surveys and Salary Comparator
- And much more!



# **About the American Chemical Society**

With more than 164,000 members, the American Chemical Society is the world's largest scientific society and one of the world's leading sources of authoritative scientific information. A nonprofit organization chartered by the United States Congress, the ACS is at the forefront of the evolving worldwide chemical enterprise and the premier professional home for chemists, chemical engineers, and related professions around the globe.



